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2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

December 2, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives E. COGGS, BERCEAU, TURNER and YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** women’s reproductive rights.

2 Whereas, the basic right of all women to decide freely on issues of childbearing
3 and sexual and reproductive health without threat of coercion, violence, or
4 discrimination is a safeguard that must be protected; and

5 Whereas, women comprise fifty-two percent of the United States’ population
6 but bear the sole responsibility for childbearing; and

7 Whereas, women who plan their pregnancies are more likely to seek prenatal
8 care, improving their own health and the health of their children; and

9 Whereas, it is obvious that politics is a key arena for the fight to protect and
10 expand reproductive rights for women both in Wisconsin and the nation, and merely
11 electing more women or more “good” politicians is simply not enough to ensure this
12 necessary commitment; and

13 Whereas, reproductive health is a component of overall health, throughout the
14 life cycle, for both men and women; and

Whereas, reproductive decision-making, including voluntary choice in marriage, family formation, and determination of the number, timing, and spacing of one's children rests with the ability to have access to the information and means needed to exercise voluntary choice; and

Whereas, a majority of American voters believe that matters related to women’s reproductive rights, including contraception and abortion, are personal issues that should be decided by women and their families, health care providers, and clergy members; and

Whereas, supporters of women's reproductive rights include the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, NARAL Pro-Choice, Center for Reproductive Rights, and the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, just to mention a very few; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature supports women's reproductive rights.

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